

In 1998, Jack accepted a new challenge as the chief executive officer of the National Association of Wheat Growers in Washington, DC. With his leadership, the association achieved a positive financial turnaround.

In 2001, Jack was appointed president and chief executive officer of the Agricultural Retailers Association, where he served until his death. He worked tirelessly to build the association into a strong voice for agricultural retailers and distributors in the Nation's Capital.

Jack was an active member of the Bennett Roundtable of the Farm Foundation of Chicago, Illinois, and recipient of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Brother of the Century Award. He also served as a member of the Bush-Cheney Agricultural Transition Team.

Jack is survived by his wife Jinger and their two children Sam and Maggie; his parents Max and Lois Eberspacher; his sister and brother, as well as nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

I am personally thankful for his contributions and service to American agriculture. His legacy will be remembered, and he will truly be missed by many. My prayers are with his family during this difficult time.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3081. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3082. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1444. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) (by request):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations for not to exceed 45 days pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 229

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 229, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, and study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection

activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 696

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 696, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include a definition of fill material.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to meet special needs of eligible clients, provide for technology grants, improve corporate practices of the Legal Services Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Cancer Institute to make grants for the discovery and validation of biomarkers for use in risk stratification for, and the early detection and screening of, ovarian cancer.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 779, a bill to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to the length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes.

S. 832

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 832, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn Jr.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1067, a bill to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to add 1 member with aviation safety expertise to the Federal Aviation Administration Management Advisory Council.

S. 1217

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve and protect rehabilitative services and case management services provided under Medicaid to improve the health and welfare of the nation's most vulnerable seniors and children.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to require persons that operate Internet websites that sell airline tickets to disclose to the purchaser of each ticket the air carrier that operates each segment of the flight, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Nebraska

(Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

S. 1304

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1304, a bill to restore the economic rights of automobile dealers, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1337, a bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to minimize the adverse effects of employment dislocation, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 17, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 17, *supra*.

S. RES. 200

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 200, a resolution designating September 12, 2009, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day".

S. RES. 210

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 210, a resolution designating the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1444. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, in order to reduce a 400,000 case backlog in disability claims, I am introducing legislation to make it easier for our veterans to enroll in Department of Veteran Affairs', VA, disability programs. Specifically, the Compensation Owed for Mental Health Based on Activities in Theater Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act or COMBAT PTSD Act will change the definition of "combat with the enemy" so veterans can more easily be enrolled in PTSD programs.

It has become apparent that the nature of modern warfare is vastly different than it was in previous generations. In the past veterans were confronted with an identifiable enemy, on a battlefield that was much more easily discernible. This is no longer the case forcing our military to adapt to the changes of the battlefield. They have done so admirably—their ability to shift from a force designed to deliver quick decisive blows to a full spectrum force has been extremely impressive. Every American can agree that the men and women in uniform today deserve nothing but the best resources available to them.

Unfortunately, when our veterans return home they too often find a wait of approximately six months for their claims to the VA to be filed. This is unacceptable. It most certainly does not reflect the level of sacrifice and commitment that they have given to this nation. I know we can do better.

During previous conflicts the definition of "combat with the enemy" was simply determined by an individual's appearance on the front lines. However, today's battlefields may not include a front line as they have in past conflicts. We are using a 20th century model to diagnose and treat individuals returning from a 21st century conflict.

My legislation reflects these changes in conflict to ensure that our men and women in the military gain access to VA programs as soon as possible. It changes the VA's definition of "combat with the enemy" to include those that have served in a theater of operations, or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities. This will more accurately reflect the current face of conflict.

President Obama's recent increase in the number of VA claim processors is

certainly a good start, but those of us in Congress need to do our part to support this effort. With nearly 400,000 claims unprocessed it is time that we expedite this process. The men and women who have served honorably in our Nation's military who need our help cannot return to a bureaucratic maze.

I ask all my colleagues to support this legislation.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) (by request):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations for not to exceed 45 days pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today Senator LUGAR and I introduce, by request, a joint resolution of approval of the proposed agreement for peaceful nuclear cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates, which the President transmitted to Congress on May 21, 2009, pursuant to section 123b. and 123d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Pursuant to Section 130i.(2) of that Act, the majority and minority leaders have designated Senator LUGAR and me to introduce this joint resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1469. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

SA 1470. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1471. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1472. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1473. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1474. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1475. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1476. Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1477. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1478. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1479. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1480. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1481. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1482. Mr. BURRIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1483. Mr. BURRIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1484. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1485. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1486. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1487. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. HAGAN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1488. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1489. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1490. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1491. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1492. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1493. Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1494. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1495. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1496. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1497. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1498. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.